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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASS'T. DIRECTOR, ORE


Subject: The Exploitation of the Foreign Press

1. ICAPS is currently giving consideration to the possibility of the development of policy and program for the coordinated exploitation of the foreign press by overseas government establishments.

2. Preliminary information received from the IAB agencies indicates the standing collection instructions or directives related to this problem are few and inadequate.

3. At the same time it is a generally recognized fact that there is a constant and large flow of attache reports from the field to the State, War, and Navy Departments covering the foreign press.

4. Therefore ICAPS requests the general comments on the current adequacy of press coverage as it is seen by the several sections of ORE dealing directly with the problem of national intelligence related to this country's security. It is not desired that compliance with this request will result in a detailed study, but rather that they will be the general reactions and comments.

  
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